



**MINUTES**  
**COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE**  
**ALLSTATE CENTER**

**Date of Meeting**

**February 6, 2020**

**Members Present**

Timothy Brockman Geoffrey Brown Sara Brown Chelsea Buchans Kerry Carter	Lynn Ernst Eric Ford Brian Frank Michael Hughes Michelle Mann	Carol Mashburn Audrey McGhee Crystal Milton-Brown Jewel Wilson-Murphy
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**Members Excused**

Kenneth Afienko Rosanne Beck Sandy Brooking Joseph Doswell Richard Graham	Erika Hartman Anthony Holloway Dale Koning Deborah McDonald AJ Murphy	Carol Rasor Frank Ruggiero Joseph Saponare Kevin Thomas
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**Others Present**

Marilyn Browne

**Call to Order**

Dr. Brian Frank called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. He welcomed all members followed by introductions.

**Agenda Items**

**Advisory**

In December, the lower division faculty and staff relocated to the St. Petersburg Gibbs (SPG) campus. The move provides the opportunity for involvement with student groups and campus events. Upper division faculty will remain at the Allstate Campus, but assigned to one of the three major campuses to engage with students, advisors and other faculty members. These moves and special assignments will reinforce recruitment and retention.

Dr. Frank informed the committee that a rebrand of the program is taking place. This initiative will expand the program's vision and mission, and reach a broader market. Dr. Frank suggested a renaming the program to *Public Administration and Homeland Security*, and asked for feedback from the committee. Ms. Milton-Brown suggested Law Enforcement be included to drive interest to the profession.

Dr. Frank advised that job postings are available through the College's Workplace platform. This platform is available to our community partners who have job openings within their organization and can be forwarded to Kerry Carter for electronic posting.

#### Academic Community Events (Kerry Carter)

- Kerry explained Handshake and the ways the college is using the app for career services.
- Equivalency of Training (EOT) Meet and Greet, held in February, provides the opportunity for EOT and open-enrollment police recruit students to meet with agency recruiters.
- Announced the Public Safety, Public Police and Legal Studies Week, March 16 – 20, 2020. Public Safety Day is Wednesday, March 18 at the Clearwater Campus and a tour of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Operations Center is scheduled for March 20.

#### Programs

- Michael Hughes provided more details on the relocation to SPG, the addition of face-to-face classes, and meetings with Student Life and Leadership/Student Government and clubs.
- To satisfy requests for face-to-face modality, classes are scheduled at the Clearwater and Tarpon Springs Campuses. The mid- and north-county locations will ease commute time and accommodate shift work.
- Actively promoting dual enrollment classes for Pinellas County Public School high school students.
- Michelle Mann is building community relationships to tap into resources and career opportunity to enhance the student experience.
- Lynn Ernst shared details of an event held in October 2019 at the SPG library. *True Crime Investigations*, an interactive event, highlighted the Crime Scene Technology program.

#### Round Table Discussion

Committee members expressed concerns that SPC students do not possess requisite oral and written communication skills for their success and employability. Action item to address this problem is to work with the College communication department to develop a required course, specifically for the public safety students, with emphasis on report writing, verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

Reestablish the Internship course for students. The 3-credit course will allow the student to work in their area of interest, and the course can be adapted for to meet the needs of the agency.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.